

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, April 28, 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

OPENING LITANY:

P: After fifty days of Easter rejoicing, the church cries out:

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: All those living in resurrection light sing with joy:

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: All those dying under the weight of sin and grief plead:

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: Come, Holy Spirit: fill the hearts of your faithful people,

C: and kindle in us the fire of your love.

OPENING HYMN: "Now the Green Blade Rises"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Located on the Today's Readings Insert)

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN SERMON

Pastor Carol

Sing: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

P: The Gospel

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Carol

HYMN: "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

THE PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Create in Me"

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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power,

the Christ of unending joy,

and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” LBW 363

DISMISSAL:

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Charlotte Rebelein

Attendance: Last Sunday: 35

Last Sunday Facebook Live: 5

April 2024 Altar Schedule

Renee Theyerl and Diane Fenendael

April 2024 Communion Schedule

Renee Theyerl

Today, Service Schedule, April 28th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Russel Salter

Money Counters: N/A

Next Week's Schedule, May 5th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Renee Theyerl

Usher: Renee Theyerl

Money Counters: N/A

May 2024 Altar Schedule

Mary Fairbank

May 2024 Communion Schedule

Marilyn Perr

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – Mary Fairbank and Marilyn Perr

If the need arises, please feel free to sit at any time during the liturgy/hymns.

We welcome our visitors today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and usher as a guest, if you have questions, please feel free to ask. Welcome! And please worship with us in the future.

A "BIG THANK YOU" to all the volunteers that helped to remodel/update the restrooms. They look fabulous!

EMANUEL LUTHERAN 150TH ANNIVERSARY **Sunday, May 5, 2024, STARTING WITH SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M.** The 150th is just around the corner, and everyone has been working hard to make it a success. Not only will we have our Pastors from the past and present speaking, we will also have an author, Harold Kurtz. There will be special music, food and much fellowship to enjoy during the celebration of 150th years of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

COUNCIL MEETING this Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

ALTAR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for August and October of 2024 and January of 2025.

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL BRAT FRY AND BAKE SALE; Please join us on Friday, May 10, 2024, from 9:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Where: Brandon Depot Park Shelter, 117 S. Commercial Street, Brandon, WI, (Across From Brandon Meats) Posters and signup sheets are in the entryway of the church

ENJOY A BLAST FROM THE PAST! CAR HOP FRY WITH OLD CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW May 18, 2024, from 4:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M., 50s Diner Type Menu, Brandon Park, 150 N. West St., Brandon, WI. If you would like to display your car/motorcycle, please bring them to the park by 3:00 P.M. that day. Prizes will be awarded to the top three cars and motorcycles. Sponsored by: Senior High Youth Group of Bethel Church of Brandon.

WORSHIP NOTES